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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jiro Nagaoka et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 to expire on December 10, 2003.

Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the extension of time fee and the multiple dependent claim fee.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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